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In re application of:

DAVID DIME et al.

Application No.: 09/367,794

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For: SITE-SPECIFIC DRUG

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. Applicants note that the deadline for response was set for January 12, 2002, which fell on a Saturday. Therefore, Applicants believe that this response, inasmuch as it is being mailed on Monday, January 14, 2002, the next business day past the deadline, is timely and does not require a Petition to Extend Time or fee.